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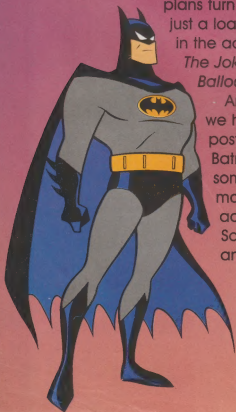
Another dramatic, action-packed issue of **I Love to Read Batman** awaits you on the following pages!

In *Cold Comfort*, comfort is far from what Gotham City's citizens experience when **Mr. Freeze** gets up to no good in the height of a heat wave. Batman must stay one step ahead of the frosty criminal to save Gotham from a series of robberies on ice!

What's happening on the moon? Find out in *Shape Shift* in which **Green Lantern** has a battle on the lunar surface as he tries to save Earth from an alien invasion!

Then read about how the **Joker's** plans turn out to be just a load of hot air in the adventure, *The Joker's Bandit Balloon*.

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The business day was almost at an end, and everyone in the First Bank of Gotham was about to leave...



...at least that's what they thought.



Mr. Freeze was back in town!

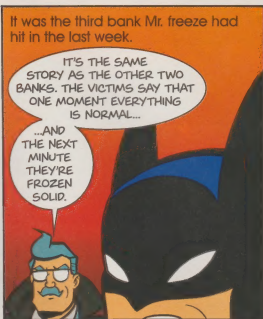
COLD COMFORT





Later.

LUCKILY NO ONE GOT HURT, BATMAN. BUT THE PARAMEDICS HAVE ONLY JUST MANAGED TO **THAW THE VICTIMS OUT.**



It was the third bank Mr. Freeze had hit in the last week.

IT'S THE SAME STORY AS THE OTHER TWO BANKS. THE VICTIMS SAY THAT ONE MOMENT EVERYTHING IS NORMAL...

...AND THE NEXT MINUTE THEY'RE FROZEN SOLID.



It seemed an impossible problem.

NO ONE SAW MR. FREEZE ENTER AND EVERYONE WAS FROZEN WHEN HE LEFT. HOW CAN WE STOP HIM?



I THINK I KNOW HOW HE'S DOING THIS, COMMISSIONER.

AND I'LL MAKE SURE NEXT TIME I'M RIGHT THERE AT THE SCENE TO STOP HIM **COLD.**

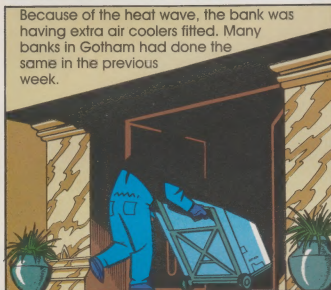


Following his hunch, Batman returned to the Batcave to use the Batcomputer to help him figure out the criminal's next target.

The following afternoon, it was business as usual at Gotham National Bank.



Because of the heat wave, the bank was having extra air coolers fitted. Many banks in Gotham had done the same in the previous week.



The air cooler was quickly ready to be switched on.



It was all part of Mr. Freeze's plan!



The villain had calibrated his machine to freeze the entire bank, except what was in the vault. Now only the metal vault door, weakened by the extreme cold...



...stood between him and a fortune.

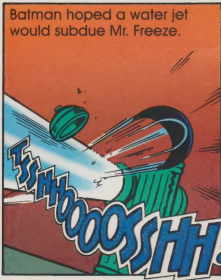


Batman had used the Batcomputer to list the banks that had recently ordered air conditioner repairs. The list matched Mr. Freeze's targets.



Mr. Freeze fired his deadly freeze gun. But Batman's insulated cape protected him from the blast.





SHAPE SHIFT!



Everyone was looking up.

Kyle Rayner came out of the subway station and found everyone on the New York street gazing up into the sky. It was a warm, clear evening in late summer, and the sky was growing dark. The stars were out, and a full moon hung in the sky above the city blocks.

It seemed to Kyle that the moon was what everyone was looking at. There was an uncanny silence. Everyone had stopped what they were doing.

Kyle edged up to a nearby newspaper vendor. He too was gazing upwards.

"What's going on?" Kyle whispered.

"Lights," the older guy hissed, his eyes not wavering from the night sky. "Just came over the radio. Some

astronomer guy says he's seen lights flashing on the moon's surface. Could be aliens, y'know! The news brought traffic to a dead stop."

Kyle looked up at the moon himself. Was it his imagination or were there tiny flashes of light on the old, scarred face of the moon? Like every man and woman on the street that night, he would have loved to know what was up there.

But unlike them, Kyle Rayner could find out for himself.

Kyle was also the super hero known as Green Lantern. He wore an amazing power ring, one of the most powerful weapons in the galaxy. The ring enabled Kyle to do almost anything he could imagine.

Green Lantern hurtled up into the sky to investigate. His green, grey and

white costume glowed in the evening light. It would be only a matter of minutes before his cosmic-born powers carried him to the moon's surface.

"What's up there?" he wondered. His mind raced through the possibilities.

The rugged, grey surface of Earth's moon spread out below him. Green Lantern sped low over the thick lunar dust and tracked in like a cruise missile to the vast crater where the flashes of light had originated.

He ducked down at the rim of the crater and took a look down. What he saw froze his blood.

It was an alien fleet, ready to depart. There were at least forty ships. Each looked like a giant toad, blistering with weapon turrets. Every now and then, one or another of the ships would test fire its warp-engines, getting ready for take-off.

"Could this be an invasion fleet?" thought Kyle to himself. He hoped that the aliens were peaceful, but he couldn't take his eyes off those vicious gun-emplacements.

Suddenly, an outcrop of rocks near Green Lantern's hiding place exploded as they were hit by laser fire. Kyle leapt up, ready to defend himself. He had been discovered!

Two alien foot soldiers moved towards him, weapons ready. They were fearsome-looking, bulky, orange, slug-like creatures that writhed across the ground and clutched their guns in globular tentacles.

And they were mad! Apparently they didn't like being spied upon, and they intended to do away with the nosey Earthman.

The aliens had come in search of an easy planet to conquer. They had heard that humans would be easy pickings for beings with their extraordinary abilities.



Green Lantern flew into the air to meet the on-coming aliens' attack. He projected a snake-like ribbon of green energy from his ring that lashed out and hooked each of the aliens' guns. With a jerk of his hand, he wrenched the weapons away. Now that they were disarmed, he thought it would be easy to —

No! The two slugs suddenly

expanded their own shapes, surging towards him like a pair of living water spouts. Their heads suddenly became studded with lethal-looking spikes.

Shape shifters! This was bad news. If these creatures could alter their bodies into any shape, Green Lantern was going to have a real fight on his hands.

emerald energy. Kyle burst through the wall, blowing it apart.

The aliens collapsed like skittles, and Green Lantern came round again. Still others charged towards him. It was amazing they could slither so fast, Green Lantern thought. They extended their bodies into vicious lances to impale him.



Thinking quickly, Green Lantern used his ring to project a large, triangular shield to block the attack of the two aliens. They collided with the shield and lurched away, dazed.

But others were coming towards him now, increasing their height and width to fence him in, creating a living wall around him.

Green Lantern got some altitude and then dived at a link in the wall, forming a battering-ram shape with his

Others formed a line behind the lancers. Spiked legs formed beneath them while their upper halves turned into snow-plough shaped shovels. They seemed intent on ploughing Kyle out of the way.

It was only when they were mere feet from him did they realise that they were standing on a vast area of green energy. Kyle had created a green carpet beneath the alien soldiers. He quickly flew backwards, literally pulling

the carpet out from under them and sending them flying in all directions.

While the aliens were still reeling, Green Lantern took off through the parked battleships. He sliced back and forth with an axe formed out of green power, severing and frying the barrels of the ships' cannons. Even if the aliens got the better of him, he was determined to prevent them from attacking Earth.

The aliens gave chase, speeding through the air on anti-gravity platforms. They were playing a high speed game of cat and mouse between, around and below the parked ships. And Kyle was the mouse.

Just when they thought they had him on the run, Green Lantern doubled backed and swept half of them off their platforms into a huge green net. Then he got in close to the others, and with giant fists projected from his ring, he smashed their gravity units so they plummeted to the ground.

Green Lantern surveyed the scene. The aliens were scattered everywhere. He was about to relax when he saw a huge alien move in to attack. It had to be the leader. It morphed into a huge scythe blade which Green Lantern dodged under it. Then the alien tried to wrap Kyle in a net but Green Lantern sliced his way to safety with an energy blade of his own.



The leader charged in again, forming a cage to catch Green Lantern. The hero twisted the bars with a green wrench, and laid the alien out with a massive punch.

The smaller aliens hurried in to scoop up their leader. Green Lantern waited, ready for a renewed attack. But they backed off. The semi-dazed leader was issuing instructions to his troops. The aliens returned to their ships and one by one they took off.

Kyle waited and watched until they had all departed, disappearing into deep space.

In Green Lantern, the aliens had met a being not only great in strength, but great in imagination. With the cunning and creativity to compete with them at their natural talent, the aliens felt that conquering a planet of such beings would be too much like hard work.

Kyle happily returned to Earth. His night shift on the moon was over.

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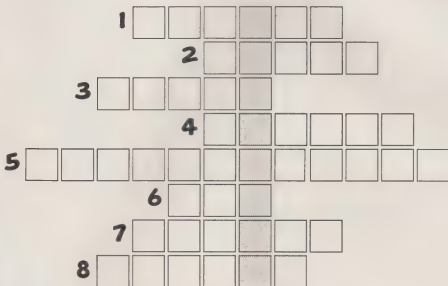


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COLD SOLUTION

Write the correct answers to the clues in the boxes. The letters in the shaded boxes will then reveal the name of one of Batman's most sinister enemies.



1. The hottest season.
2. A cold character, Jack _ _ _ _ _
3. When it's cold you wear this around your neck.
4. The northern polar region.
5. You keep things cold in this.
6. When water is very cold, it turns into this.
7. You can feel this in very low temperatures!
8. The coldest season.



CONFUSED COMPUTER

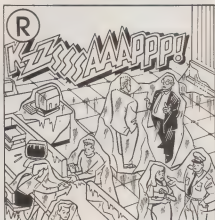
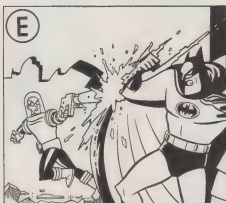
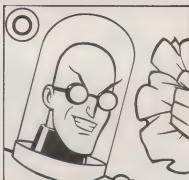
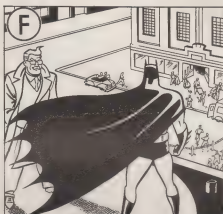
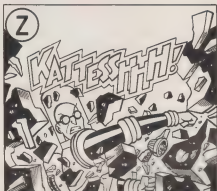
In the story, *Cold Comfort*, Batman used the Batcomputer to help him work out which bank would be robbed next. While doing so, the computer had a slight fault as you can see below. Work out the message on the screen by replacing each letter with the one that comes **before** it in the alphabet.

BJS DPOEJUJPOJOH EVF
UP CF SFQBJSE BU
OBUJPOBM CBOL PG
HPUIBN UPNPSSPX.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order** (1-6) and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



1	2	3	4	5	6

COLOURING

Colour in this wacky picture of the Joker playing with one of his dangerous toy guns!



ANAGRAMS

How many words from the story, *The Joker's Bandit Balloon*, can you make from the long words listed below? Some examples have been done for you already.

SHIPMENT

SENT

BOASTING

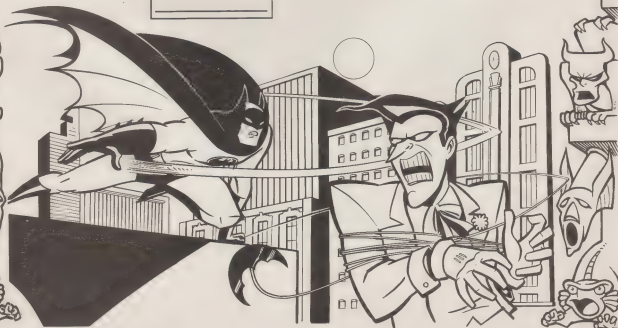
STAIN

HYSTERICAL

SHIRT

HIDEOUTS

HOUSE



GREEN WORDSEARCH

The objects Green Lantern creates with his ring are all green. This wordsearch contains the names of **12** things that are **green**. They are written across, downwards, backwards and diagonally. Can you find them all?



G	D	R	E	T	A	M	F	R	O	G
E	R	L	E	R	P	P	H	A	N	O
T	N	A	A	E	M	M	E	Y	O	O
C	H	O	S	E	L	P	P	A	R	S
U	E	N	G	S	E	K	Y	O	G	E
C	O	S	H	O	H	G	O	H	O	B
U	N	E	L	T	T	O	B	Z	L	E
M	O	N	E	N	I	C	P	H	I	R
B	G	R	A	S	S	I	R	P	M	R
E	E	N	F	D	A	I	S	H	E	Y
R	O	N	E	Y	E	I	N	K	U	R

CUCUMBER
LIME
APPLE

TREE
FROG
BOTTLE

GOOSEBERRY
GRASS
GRASSHOPPER

LEAF
EYE
PEA

DOT TO DOT

This scene is taken from this month's story, *Shape Shift*. Take a pencil and join the dots to find out what Green Lantern is confronting.





ANSWERS

COLD SOLUTION

1 SUMMER
2 FROST
3 SCARF
4 ARCTIC
5 REFRIGERATOR
6 ICE
7 FROZEN
8 WINTER

CONFUSED COMPUTER

The message reads:
AIR CONDITIONING DUE
TO BE REPAIRED AT
NATIONAL BANK OF
GOTHAM TOMORROW.

ALL MIXED UP

The word is FROZEN

GREEN WORDSEARCH

G D R E T A M F R O G
E R L E R P P H A N O
T N A A E M M E Y O O
C H O S E L P P A R S
U E N G S E K Y O G E
C O S H O H G O H O B
U N E L T T O B Z L E
M O N E N I C P H I R
B G R A S S I R P M R
E E N F D A I S H E Y
R O N E Y E I N K U R





VILLAIN PICTURE PUZZLE

Name the villains in the pictures and fill in this crossword puzzle!

1



2



3



5



4



6



7





THE JOKER

VILLAIN PROFILE

Secret Identity:

Unknown

Alias:

The Clown Prince of Crime

Occupation:

Criminal

Known Relatives:

None

Base of Operations:

Gotham City

Height: 6 feet

Weight: 80 Kilos

Eyes: Black

Hair: Green

Psychological profile:

Despite his clownish appearance, the Joker is one of Batman's most dangerous enemies. His arsenal includes shocking joy buzzers, gas-squirting flowers, and exploding whoopie cushions. His crimes are often staged like elaborate jokes, which the Joker finds funny no matter how many people get hurt.

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THE BAT-SIGNAL FLASHES ACROSS THE NIGHT SKY OF GOTHAM CITY...







**BACK AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
COMMISSIONER GORDON QUESTIONS
THE GUARDS...**

THAT'S HIM! THAT'S
ONE OF THE
JOKER'S MEN!

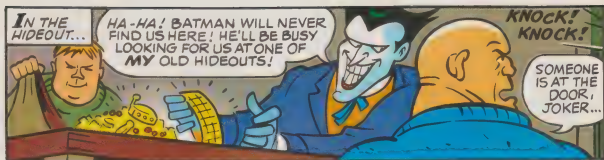
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I RECOGNISED THAT HENCHMAN!
AND I KNOW WHERE HIS
HIDEOUT USED TO BE!

I'LL BET
THE JOKER'S HIDING
THERE! BUT BEFORE
I GO THERE, I'LL
PREPARE A TRICK
OF MY OWN!







DYNAMIC DISPATCHES

WE HAVE BEEN FLOODED BY ALL YOUR FANTASTIC LETTERS, PICTURES AND PHOTOGRAPHS. SORRY WE CAN'T FIT IN ALL THE MAIL WE RECEIVE BUT HERE IS A SELECTION FROM OUR EVER BULGING MAILBAG!



BY JOE BOROCKY
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BY ROBBIE GREEN
MACCLESFIELD



BY JONATHAN WHITESIDE
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ROBIN



by Luke &
Ash for
Wrexham

BY LUKE PARRY
WREXHAM

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SORRY WE CANNOT WRITE BACK TO YOU
INDIVIDUALLY BUT WE WILL PRINT AS MANY OF YOUR
LETTERS AS WE CAN. PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE
YOUR NAME, AGE, ADDRESS AND SEX IF YOU WANT
YOUR PHOTOS RETURNED.



RYAN COLEY
CASTLEDROMWICH



BY LIAM HAYES
NENAGH, IRELAND



DANIEL JONES
PORT TALBOT



PHILIP MOORE
WADLEY

IN THE NEXT ISSUE...

Bruce Wayne's trusted servant, Alfred, is the star of next month's story, *Those Who Serve*. Batman and Robin may be busy out on the streets of Gotham City, but do they realise how much they rely on Alfred for back up?



The investigative skills of Lois Lane and Clark Kent are essential in next month's exciting **Superman** story. A gang of criminals play dangerous games with time and the *Daily Planet* journalists must race against the clock to stop them before they destroy the world with their deadly time machine.



Catwoman will also be on the prowl once more! This time she tries to steal a valuable tiger from Gotham City's zoo in order to hold it for ransom. Find

out what happens in *The Theft of the White Tiger*.

PLUS A BATMAN
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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Spot the **10** differences between these two pictures showing Batman rescuing Batgirl from the evil clutches of Mr. Freeze.



Answers: 1. The puddle is missing. 2. Batgirl's boots are black. 3. Batgirl's glove is longer. 4. Batgirl's collar is different. 5. Batgirl's hair is behind her shoulder. 6. Some flames are missing. 7. The controls on Mr. Freeze's stomach are upside down. 8. Mr. Freeze's collar is black. 9. Mr. Freeze's gun has a part missing. 10. Batman's glove fins are missing.